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RE: Our File 582-534 Peru
Your Ref. PM No. 478

Dear Les:

In connection with Peruvian patent 11,686 it will be necessary to file proof of working not later than August 11, 1975. A previous extension of term in which working could be proven was obtained on August 10, 1973. I am not certain that the present state of the law in that country will permit for a further extension so it would seem that it would be necessary to either file proof of working of the patent or alternatively allow it to become lapsed. We have written our Peruvian agent asking for clarification on this and I hope to be able to give you an answer in a couple of weeks. In the meantime, please let me know if there in fact has been any working of the patent in Peru or if there is any interest in allowing the patent to become lapsed in any event.

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Very truly yours,

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